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Veterans Day Open House Planned for Veterans Cemeteries in Suffolk and Amelia

RICHMOND—Virginia's two state-operated veterans cemeteries will hold open houses on Sunday, November 11, 2007 in honor of Veterans Day.

Boy Scout Troop 30 and Cub Scout Pack 30 will place flags on each grave at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, located at 5310 Milners Road in Suffolk. The Bethlehem Ruritan Club will assist and provide the flags. On Sunday, cemetery staff will welcome visitors from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, the United States Colored Troop Reenactment Group will hold a wreath-laying ceremony at noon on Sunday.

On Monday, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2582 and the American Legion Post 57 will hold a ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon. Delegate Chris Jones will be the guest speaker.

The Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia will welcome visitors from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 11. American Legion Post 354, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter for Paralyzed Veterans of America and other volunteers will place flags on grave sites at the Amelia Veterans Cemetery, located at 10300 Pridesville Road in Amelia. Weather permitting, 75 American flags will be erected along the cemetery's perimeter road, creating the Avenue of Flags.

Staff at both cemeteries will help visitors locate grave sites, and military service members and veterans can file pre-applications for future burial in the cemeteries.

Service members who were honorably discharged and who were Virginia veterans either at the time of enlistment or at the time of death qualify for burial in one of Virginia's veterans cemeteries. A grave site, opening and closing of the grave, a marker, and perpetual care of the site are provided to the veteran at no charge. Veterans' spouses and eligible dependent children may be interred for a small fee, currently \$300.

Visit www.virginiaforveterans.com for more information about Virginia's veterans cemeteries as well as other benefits available to veterans.

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Quick Facts About Virginia's Veterans Cemeteries

Albert G. Horton Memorial Veterans Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, Virginia 23434
757-255-7217

Acreage: 74
Capacity: 35,456 sites (casketed gravesites, in-ground cremation sites, and columbarium niches)
First Burial: December 13, 2004

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, Virginia 23002

Acreage: 127
Capacity: 57,324 sites (casketed gravesites, in-ground cremation sites, and columbarium niches)
First Burial: June 18, 1997

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